



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Meeting of May 5 - 6, 2025

Special Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at
The Muhammad Ali Center, 144 North 6th Street, Louisville, Kentucky

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Corrie Shull
Vice-Chairman James Craig
Mr. Trevin Bass
Mrs. Linda Duncan
Mr. Taylor Everett
Ms. Tricia Lister
Ms. Gail Logan Strange

SUPERINTENDENT SCREENING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Abdelahad, Parent/Guardian Representative
Tammy Berlin, Teacher Representative
Tricia Lister, District 2, Board Member Representative
Maddie Shepard, JCTA President, Teacher Representative
Dustin Whitis, Principal Representative
Dwan Williams, Specialist Diversity Hiring, Classified Employee Representative

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Brown, General Counsel
Carolyn Callahan, Chief of Communications and Community Relations
Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board
Mark Hebert, Information and Communications
Ashley Lant, Assistant General Counsel

The purpose of this meeting was for JCPS Superintendent Screening Committee members to convene in executive session with the Jefferson County Board of Education to discuss and interview aspirants in the superintendent search and to hold discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f).

This meeting was held in person at The Muhammad Ali Center, located at 144 North 6th Street. This was the primary location where all members were visible and audible to the public.

The meeting recessed at the end of the day on Monday, May 5, 2025, and reconvened on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Call to Order

Chair Shull called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 9:36 a.m. and presented the following statement.

“Welcome to the joint meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education and the Superintendent Screening Committee.

The Board will now conduct a closed session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, as well as have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f).”

II. Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to Interview Aspirants in the Superintendent Search

Order #2025-74 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board conduct a closed session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, as well as have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f) passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Trevin Bass.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

Mrs. Duncan arrived after the vote.

III. Adjourn from Executive Session

IV. Recess

By consensus, the Board and Committee agreed to adjourn the closed executive session and recess the meeting until Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

Following the collective decision to adjourn the closed executive session and recess, the following announcement was made in open session by Vice-Chair Craig.

"The Board met in Executive Session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, and to have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f). No action was taken while in closed session."

V. Reconvene

Chair Shull called the meeting back to order on Tuesday, May 6 at 3:39 p.m. with the following statement.

“This meeting is now called to order. We are reconvening at the appointed time, following our recess yesterday.

The Board will now conduct a closed session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, as well as have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f).”

VI. Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to Interview Aspirants in the Superintendent Search

Order #2025-75 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board conduct a closed session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, as well as have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f) passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Trevin Bass.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

VII. Adjourn from Executive Session

The Board and Committee adjourned the closed executive session by consensus.

The Board and Committee returned to open session at 8:16 p.m. and Chair Shull made the following announcement.

“The Board met in Executive Session to discuss aspirants in the superintendent search, and to have discussions that may lead to the appointment of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f). No action was taken while in closed session.”

Following a vote by the Committee to recommend two superintendent candidate finalists to the Board, a decision reached by committee members during closed session, the Board subsequently held a vote and named Benjamin Shuldiner and Dr. H. Brian Yearwood as the finalists for the District's next superintendent.

VIII. Possible Consideration of a Motion

Order #2025-76 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education accept the two superintendent candidate finalists that the JCPS Superintendent Screening Committee recommended and name Benjamin Shuldiner and Dr. H. Brian Yearwood as finalists for the District's next superintendent passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Gail Logan Strange.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

IX. Adjournment

The special meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Order #2025-77 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:18 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Trevin Bass.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

Dr. Corrie Shull
Chairman

Dr. Martin A. Pollio
Superintendent/Secretary

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WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**